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This report presents the findings of an assessment of the Dutch engagement with the World Bank over the period 2000 – 2011. The evaluation has been conducted by the Policy and Operations Evaluation Department (IOB) of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The focus of the study is on the two main targets of Dutch financing for the World Bank Group: the International Development Association (IDA) and the trust funds at the Bank and IFC that were supported by the Netherlands.

The main message of the report is that changes and improvements in World Bank policies and

operations have made it a more relevant and effective partner for Dutch development cooperation, and that most of the Dutch funding via the Bank was well spent. However, specific weaknesses in World Bank policies and operations persist and need to be taken into account in future work with and funding for the World Bank. In order to make more effective use of the Bank's capacity and expertise, Dutch World Bank policies and trust fund support would benefit from a sharper focus and a clearer strategy for overall engagement.

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